

STATE OF NEBRASKA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources will hold a rule making hearing pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-907 on the 20th day of April, 2005, at 1:30 p.m., to be held at the Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska in the Lower Level Conference Room D.

The purpose of the hearing is to take testimony and evidence about new rules and regulations related to the administration of the Water Resources Trust Fund to be included in Title 460 of the Nebraska Administrative Code. The subject matter and scope of the rule making action is:

To implement the provisions of LB 962, Section 93, (2004), codified at Neb. Rev. Stat. § 46-753, which requires the Department of Natural Resources to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations regarding the allocation and expenditure of money from the fund. Money in the fund may be expended by the Department for cost incurred by the Department, by Natural Resources Districts, or by other political subdivisions in (a) determining whether river basins, subbasins, or reaches are fully appropriated, (b) developing or implementing integrated management plans for such fully appropriated river basins, subbasins, or reaches or for river basins, subbasins, or reaches designated as over appropriated, (c) developing or implementing integrated management plans in river basins, subbasins, or reaches which have not yet become either fully appropriated or overappropriated, or (d) attaining state compliance with an interstate water compact or decree or other formal state contract or agreement.

Draft or working copies of the proposed rules and maps are available at the offices of the Secretary of State, Regulations Division, Room 343, State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska, 68509 and the Department of Natural Resources, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE, 68509. The only fiscal impact from the adoption of these regulations will be a decrease in the financial burden placed on the Department, Natural Resources Districts or other political subdivisions of the State due to the costs of implementing LB 962.

All interested persons may attend and testify orally or by written submission at the hearing. Interested persons may also submit written comments prior to the hearing which will be made part of the hearing record at the time of hearing if received by the Department of Natural Resources on or before April 18, 2005. Individuals with disabilities may request auxiliary aids and service necessary for participation by contacting the Administrative Officer at P.O. Box 94676, Lincoln, NE 68509-4676, (402) 471-2363, **by April 15, 2005.**